



Citywide Clean-Up Campaign Gets Underway Saturday - Do Your Part

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RELOCATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF N. C. 213, between Marshall and Mars Hill is rapidly changing the appearance of the entire area. Top left is the former Al Bryan homesite with the highway being built (in background) across Halewood to Petersburg. Right top shows huge culvert being built

at Petersburg. At left bottom is site of former Edmonds Building, one of the landmarks at Petersburg with current highway at right. Picture at right bottom is a scene of workmen clearing right-of-way between Petersburg and Mars Hill.

Rate Protests Spur Formation Of New Group

By ED SPEARS
Citizen Staff Writer
Work was begun in Marshall Tuesday night of last week on an organizational structure to press the protest of electric consumers to rate increases initiated this year by French Broad Electric Membership Corporation. The EMC rate boost followed a jump in wholesale power rates charged the corporation by Carolina Power & Light Co., its sole electric supplier.

At a second public meeting in Madison County High School, attended by approximately 250 persons, groups gathered to select precinct leaders in all 10 Madison precincts, two areas in Buncombe County, and single groups for Yancey,

Mitchell and Unicoi (Tenn.) counties where French Broad EMC member-consumers reside.

Bruce Phillips, who presided, said meetings will follow on April 14 at the precinct level to select five persons to represent that area on a Committee of 80 to work on the power rate problem. The Committee of 80, Phillips said, then would meet on the following Thursday and select such operating committees as finance, audit (to examine French Broad records along with corporation officers), grievance and a nominating committee. The latter, Phillips said, would put forth a slate of directors for the annual meeting of French Broad

EMC, re-scheduled recently from April to July.

The attorney for the protest group, Ron Howell, reported that he had talked earlier Tuesday with a rate official of the Federal Power Commission in Washington, and was advised that hearings began on the North Carolina EMC protest of the Carolina Power rate boost, and were expected to continue for two weeks.

Howell said new petitions were being circulated asking members of Congress to help in obtaining relief. The attorney said he had been advised by judges that courts cannot enjoin a power rate increase - that the FPC must approve or disapprove of the increase sought before other parties could take the matter to court.

to consider discrimination in rates charged, and also offer legislation to repeal the statute "which prohibits the TVA from supplying electricity outside of the area (defined July 1, 1957); or, in the alternative, to introduce legislation excepting the area served by French Broad EMC from the prohibition contained in the Act."

Howell said informally he had "never seen people so upset before" as over the power rate hikes. "I've had

100 callers say their power bills were more than their welfare checks," he said.

Howell said Ed Mashburn, the EMC counsel, has agreed to answer questions either to the planned Committee of 80 or before a future open meeting.

Les Roark of Sen. Morgan's staff was presented, and said that when Morgan was attorney general "he went to bat for consumers. He can be expected to continue in that role."

Selective Service Registration Change

William H. McCachren, State Director of Selective Service for North Carolina, has issued instructions to all Selective Service Area Offices and volunteer registrars to suspend current registration activities as of April 1. This was brought about by Proclamation No. 4360 issued by President Ford on March 29, 1975, which changes the method by which young men fulfill their obligation to register under the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act. McCachren emphasizes that this is only a

suspension, and that new procedures will be announced later in the year. There is still a requirement to register, and only the method will be changed.

The requirement that a young man must register during the period 30 days prior to and 30 days after his 18th birthday is no longer in effect according to McCachren. He stated that the future method will probably be an annual registration. This will require those liable for registration to present themselves during a specified period of time.

USDA Forestry Incentives Program

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a 1975 Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) aimed at improving the nation's timber production by stimulating better forest management practices on the vast acreage of small private timber ownership tracts. The program will tentatively be funded at the \$25 million level authorized by Congress.

technical assistance in developing forest management plans and servicing practices.

A social hour followed. Approximately 50 Eastern Stars, their families and guests attended.

Fund-Raising Reception For Edmistens

ASHEVILLE - The Democratic Chairmen from nine western counties will host a fund-raising reception for Attorney General and Mrs. Rufus L. Edmisten on Saturday evening, April 19, from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m., at the National Guard Armory in West Asheville.

Tickets for the event, which will feature a rock band and a square dance band, will be sold by Democrats in nine counties at \$10 per ticket. Proceeds will go toward reducing Edmisten's campaign debt.

Hugh Stevens, Buncombe County Democratic Chairman, has agreed to serve as coordinator for this event. The other county chairmen are Charles Beall, Haywood County; Harley Stepp, Henderson County; Zeno Ponder, Madison County; Ernest House, Jr., McDowell County; Charles Owens, Rutherford County; Mrs. Molly Wilmoth, Transylvania County; and Clyde McIntosh, Yancey County. They will be assisted by the Democratic Women and the Young Democrats from these counties.

Greater Ivy To Start Clean - Up Saturday

The Greater Ivy Community Organization will begin its community clean-up on April 12. Each citizen is urged to clean his own grounds and to pick up all the trash along the highway near his property.

Members of the Beautification Committee will be at the Beech Glen School at 9 a.m. on April 12 to distribute free litter bags.

If possible, each citizen is asked to put his trash into a dumpster. Private trucks from this area will pick up heavier trash that isn't allowed in the dumpsters. For this information call Mrs. Jo

Ann Ramsey at 689-2310. Our local youth groups and 4-H's will be participating in this drive which will run through April 26. Let's "Get Greater Ivy Greener and Cleaner."

Singing

The Rev. Ben Lee Honeycutt, pastor of Oak Ridge Baptist Church invites the public to their regular Second Saturday night singing, April 12th at 7:30 p.m. The Church is located on Flint Hill Rd., Alexander.

Mrs. Hill Student In Honor Society

Aaron Kermit Ball of Mars Hill has been inducted into the N. C. Alpha Chapter of Alpha Chi Honor Society at Appalachian State University.

Alpha Chi is a national honor society recognizing students for outstanding scholarship. Members must have a minimum of 3.4 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Aaron, a senior industrial arts major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ball of Route 1, Mars Hill.

Marshall Chapter OES Installs Officers

New officers for Marshall Chapter No. 35, Order of the Eastern Star, were installed on Friday evening, March 28th at the Masonic Temple in Marshall.

Miss Alden Waldrup, Past Matron of the Chapter, served as Installing Officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Edna Warf of Asheville, installing Marshal; Mrs. Agnes Crowe of Barnardsville, installing Chaplain; and Mrs. W. C. Ward, Jr. of Marshall also a Past Matron of the Chapter, installing Organist.

Officers installed were Mrs. Ernest Frisby, Worthy

Matron; Ernest Frisby, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Frank Fisher, Associate Matron; Preston Edwards, Associate Patron; Mrs. James Story, Secretary; Mrs. Liston Ramsey, Treasurer; Mrs. Preston Edwards, Conductor; Mrs. Marvin Faulkner, Associate Conductor; Miss Ruth Guthrie, Chaplain; Mrs. Glenn Slagle, Marshal; Mrs. J. H. Eads, Organist; Mrs. George Fisher, Adah; Mrs. Clarence Henderson, Ruth; Mrs. Jeter Cantrell; Esther; Mrs. R. B. McDevitt, Martha; Mrs. Chauncey Metcalf; Electa;

Mrs. Jack Hensley, Warder; and Chauncey Metcalf, Sentinel.

Miss Cheryl Frisby, daughter of the worthy matron and worthy patron; and Miss Sherry Edwards, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Preston Edwards, lighted the candles; and Mrs. Dianne Hooker, also a daughter of the worthy matron and worthy patron, kept the guest book.

Pages were Ernest Frisby, Jr. and Jeffrey Smith. Mrs. Ronnie Haynie was soloist and Glenn Slagle gave the prayer of dedication. Mrs. Liston Ramsey,

outgoing worthy matron, was presented a past matron's Jewel; and Jeter Cantrell, outgoing worthy patron was presented a past patron's jewel.

A social hour followed. Approximately 50 Eastern Stars, their families and guests attended.

Mobile Home Burns On Foster Creek

The mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bowens and their one-year-old son of Foster Creek was completely destroyed by fire on the first day of April.

Anyone wishing to donate cash, clothing or furniture to the Bowens family may leave the items with Sheriff E. Y. Ponder in Marshall or at Cody's Store in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowens and their son are residing temporarily with Mrs. Bowens's mother, Mrs. Lora L. Parker.

FIP will be administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service through its farmer-elected committee system. The Forest Service, in conjunction with state and district foresters, will provide

Wallin To Head County Board Of Education

Emery Wallin was elected chairman of the Madison County Board of Education at its organizational meeting on Monday April 7, 1975.

The Board of Education passed a resolution honoring Bill Roberts for serving as board chairman for the past six years, and noted that several educational achievements were accomplished under his chairmanship; among which was the passing of a school bond for consolidation of the five high schools, the building of Madison High and implementation of the Kindergarten and Middle Grade Vocational Programs in the Madison County Elementary Schools.

In other items of business, the board named an advisory council for each school district and reviewed the proposed budget for the 1975-76 school year, giving attention to the physical condition of each of the elementary schools in the county, and the board joins the other concern citizens of Madison County in regards to the increased cost of electricity. Also discussed at some length was the accreditation of the school system.

Due to the fact that the North Carolina General Assembly is still in session, and that legislation by Congress on federal programs

has not been received, the board set a called meeting to be held on April 21, 1975 at 7 p.m. in the superintendent's office at which time they hope to give final approval of the budget and school personnel for the 1975-1976 school year.



THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION is shown above taking the oath of office. (left to right) Judson Edwards, clerk of court, who administered the oaths; Dedrick Cody, William "Bill" Roberts, Emery Wallin, new chairman; Bobby Ponder, Don Anderson.

Food Stamp Office Hours Changed

Mrs. Frances G. Ramsey, director of Department of Social Services, announced this week that the Food Stamp Office hours will be extended to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday due to the large increase of applicants beginning April 14.

Mrs. Ramsey and the Food Stamp Office personnel feel this will be a great help to the clients who work and don't have a chance to come in during the regular working hours.



LIKE A GIANT OCTOPUS clutching its victim, the above picture was taken Friday beside the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis at the housing units at the intersection of US 25-77 and Skyway Drive. A large tree succumbed to strong winds Thursday night and crashed down on the 1973 red Rally Nova owned by Mr. and Mrs. Davis. The car was "totaled" by the impact.

Ham Dinner At Mars Hill On Sunday

The Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a ham dinner this Sunday from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Mars Hill school cafeteria. The plate includes three vegetables, coffee or tea and delicious ham. Price per plate is \$2.